

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER is a Eucharistic community of believers commissioned through our Baptism to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all people. Out of our diversity we create unity through respect for every person, common celebrations, sacramental worship, Christian education of all ages, and outreach programs.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2015

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship here today and hope you will find this community a place where your faith can be nourished. Visit the Parish Center or www.sjwchurch.com.

MASSES

Saturday

8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

Sunday

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., English

1:30, 7:30 p.m., Spanish

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

Monday - Friday

6:30, 8:30 a.m., English

First Friday: 7:30 p.m., Spanish

Holy Days

6:30 p.m. (Vigil), English

6:30, 8:30 a.m., 6:45 p.m., English

5:30 p.m., Vietnamese

8:00 p.m., Spanish

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The Adoration of the Magi (1626-1629)

Peter Paul Rubens, Oil on canvas, Musée du Louvre, Paris

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Parish Center Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 -9:00 p.m. • Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. • Sun.: Closed



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass said for a loved one or for another intention, stop by the Parish Center to make arrangements.

- Sunday January 4**
 7:30 a.m. Mary Esther Bradley (RIP)
 9:30 a.m. Pelamati Family (Intentions)
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Amaranto (RIP)
 1:30 p.m. Judith Marjarres De Gallo (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. O-Nguyen (Thanksgiving)
 7:30 p.m. Mary Gonzalez (RIP)
- Monday January 5**
 6:30 a.m. Roberto Serrano (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Lucila Dallan (Intentions)
- Tuesday January 6**
 6:30 a.m. Daniza Pavlic (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Teresita Horacio (Intentions)
- Wednesday January 7**
 6:30 a.m. Graig Naslow
 8:30 a.m. Martha and Samuel Gaza (RIP)
- Thursday January 8**
 6:30 a.m. Dionisio Alejandro, Sr. (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Rowena Friedman (Birthday)
- Friday January 9**
 6:30 a.m. Joe Chavez (RIP)
 8:30 a.m. Elster and Rosemary Tambinayagam (RIP)
- Saturday January 10**
 8:30 a.m. Tony Rodriguez (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. Stephen and Hazel Kunka (RIP)
- Sunday January 11**
 7:30 a.m. SJW Parishioners (Intentions)
 9:30 a.m. Joaquin and Remedios Villagrancia (RIP)
 11:30 a.m. Michael Pozen (Birthday)
 1:30 p.m. Otto Gruber (RIP)
 5:30 p.m. O-Nguyen (Intentions)
 7:30 p.m. Maria de Jesus Chajas (Intentions)



PARISH LIFE

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Everyone is welcome to the celebration of the 9-Hour Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague on **Saturday, January 31**, beginning at 7:00 a.m. here at St. Joseph the Worker Church. We'll see you then.

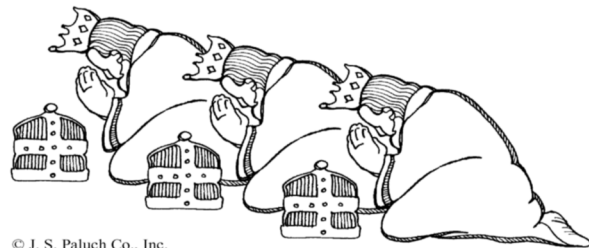
SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the Infant Jesus of Prague 9-Hour Novena on **Saturday, January 31**, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Conference Center Hall and the 3:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the Rectory Chapel. Please use the Cantlay St. entrance.

PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.

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PARISH LIFE

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

For pick up of heavy items, please call (323) 224-6280. For regular pick up, call (800) 974-3571. For those in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul voicemail at (818) 773-1864 and leave a message.

TUNA SUNDAY

Your gift of a large can of tuna or cash goes directly and immediately to the poor and the needy. Within 48 hours, your generosity becomes a nourishing hot meal for hungry and often homeless people living on skid row. With more cans of tuna this delicious dish could be served more than just one day a week. The large four to five pound cans of tuna are available at Smart and Final and Costco. Please bring your donations to the Parish Center.

2015 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the side doors of the church. Your donation of \$1 or more will go to St. Vincent de Paul to help needy families.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass, come to the Parish Center. Only one paid intention will be accepted and printed in the bulletin for each Mass. Selected Masses will be reserved for church use. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

MAKE IT A GENEROUS NEW YEAR

As you put your financial house in order for tax-reporting season, this is a good time to revisit your commitment to supporting St. Joseph the Worker in 2015. In reviewing your contribution records, you may realize that you've been giving at the same level for quite a while. Now is the time to increase your contributions for 2015.

E-givers: Heads up!

To update your donation details, go to the parish website www.sjwchurch.com and click on e-giving.

Not yet an e-giver?

E-giving is easy and offers many benefits.

To learn more and enroll, go to www.sjwchurch.com and click on e-giving.

Need an envelope packet?

Using the weekly envelope is another way to plan your giving and develop the habit of making a weekly offering.

To request an envelope packet, contact Mike Stafford, Parish Business Manager, 818.341.6634, ext.1015.

Need a contribution statement?

To request a record of your contributions for 2014, simply call the Parish Center.

Thank you for your generous support of your parish.

DEVOTIONS/PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

First Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

Grupo de Oración

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Church)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. (SJW Chapel)

SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. .

Confirmation Process (Grades 9th - 12th)

Year One - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Year Two - Bimonthly

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Information: Dinh Phan, ext. 1018

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012. See also page 4.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Call the Parish Center.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament of healing is received by those who are seriously ill, approaching serious surgery, or near death. Please contact the Parish Center to arrange a convenient time. If a parishioner who has not been anointed is near death, please call the Parish Center at any hour.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maryann Goppes, Nelia Evangelista, Virginia A. Kahn, Yvonne Burke, Mario Hernandez, Josie Buenviaje, Karina Flores, E. Menter, Yna and Miriam Legaspi, Rod Marfil, Leo Tay, Luca Torterolo, Evelyn Mendoza, Bubut Aquino, Nic Suarez, Ofelia Oropeza Silva, Alfredo Velazquez, Ferdinand, Rolando and Vidiamor Morales Jr., Rev. Ramon Gonzalez Ponce, Wendy Pelamati, David and Lu Ann Nisbet, Jeffrey Jones, Jack Somalot, The Foley Family, Athena Tiongson Reyes, Jorge Borrás, Irma LeDuff, Lea Barak, Jo Grady Stone, Lisa Grady, John Christopher.

If you have a loved one or friend in our parish community who would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick please call the Parish Center.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently lost a loved one.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Information: Karina Villanueva (818) 998-4166

Schedule of Classes

Elementary Grades 1–5 English

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. or

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Elementary Grades 1–5 Spanish

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Middle School Grades 6–8 English

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Special Education

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

Elementary and High School (Vietnamese)

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Curious about Catholicism and want to know more? Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to receive the Sacraments of Initiation?

Information: Bill Sparks, ext. 1012.

Inquiry Classes

Adults (English)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Adults and Youth or Teens (Spanish)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Adults (Vietnamese)

St. Therese of Lisieux/St. Martin de Porres Conference Rooms

Monday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Youth or Teen 12-18 years (English)

Parish Center Dining Room

Two Wednesdays a month 7:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (English)

Our Lady of La Vang Conference Room

Two Wednesdays a month 6:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m.

Children 7-12 years (Spanish)

Parish Center Dining Room

Friday 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.



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EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL NEWS

E-mail: sjwwintk@aol.com (818) 341-6616

For updated news and activities go to:

saintjosephtheworkerschool.net

Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service

Saint Joseph the Worker School Alumni

We are trying to improve and update our alumni list. If you are an alum or know the address or e-mail of one, please send it to sjwwintk@aol.com or mail it to: Saint Joseph the Worker School, 19812 Cantlay Street, Winnetka 91306. If you are interested in helping in a leadership position, please indicate that on your information.

Parish Envelopes for School – Other Donations for School

Many thanks to all of you who help to support the school with your monthly donations and use of the school envelopes. May you and all Parents and Grandparents who continue to sacrifice to send their children for a High Quality Catholic Education be blessed a hundredfold.

YOUTH NEWS

11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Our 11:30 a.m. Mass is specifically focused on you, the young people of our parish. Please join your friends and peers at this Sunday celebration. We invite you also to take an active part in these Masses by being an usher, greeter, lector, choir member, or Eucharistic minister.

Confirmation

Sessions start at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Hall

Year 1 Tuesday, January 6

Year 2 Tuesday, January 13

If you have any questions please contact Dinh Phan, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1018.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

Five Tips for Safeguarding Children

The Archdiocese mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the VIRTUS program. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse:

1. Know the warning signs of an inappropriate relationship with a child.
2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth.
3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth.
4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children.
5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority.

For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office: 213 637 7227.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213 637 7650.



PARISH LIFE

SJW MEMORIAL SOCIETY

St. Joseph the Worker Memorial Society is intended as a meaningful and beautiful way for persons to remember their beloved deceased or to express their condolences to friends who have lost a loved one. Persons enrolled in the Memorial Society will share in the spiritual benefits of special Masses and prayers offered throughout the year, every year. A Mass is offered for those enrolled every first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 a.m. Mass. The enrollment list is kept in the Parish Center and is accessible during office hours. Each memorial is presented in a handsome leatherette folder, containing an enrollment card where the name of the person remembered is inscribed, along with the person who the deceased. The leatherette folder with personalized enrollment card is particularly suitable on the occasion of a death, to bring to a viewing or funeral, or to send as an anniversary remembrance. Call the Parish Center to make arrangements.

SJW WEBSITE: NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

If you haven't visited our parish website in a while, do so now - you will find much new content and many new features. The improved design, streamlined navigation, and expanded coverage of parish programs and activities make it easy for you to find what you're looking for. The homepage now includes feature stories and a list of upcoming parish events. There are links to:

- Selected video and audio recordings of Fr. Kevin's homilies and a complete list of DVDs and CDs available for purchase in the Gift Shop
- Weekly bulletins, both current and archived
- Parish forms for downloading and printing
- Archdiocese news and events
- Expanded "Catholic Links" to leading publications and digital resources

The web team welcomes your feedback, comments, and suggested for improvement. <http://www.sjwchurch.com>

LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS 2015

The Religious Education Congress is ready to enrich and revitalize us once more. Join us March 12, (Youth Day), March 13 - 15, 2015 at the Anaheim Convention Center. If you have never before attended Congress, you are assured of a wonderful experience. All are welcome to attend! The Congress, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, offers a variety of opportunities for personal faith enrichment, prayer and entertainment.

We offer 310 workshops, covering topics of interest from spirituality and personal development to biblical studies, theology and catechesis - there is a topic of interest for you. In addition to workshops, participants will enjoy morning praise, evening liturgies and a variety of noon time and evening concerts. Come and be renewed by these Congress experiences.

Don't miss out! Register now for this spirit-filled and enriching weekend! You may access the book on line and register by visiting www.RECongress.org. To obtain a Registration Guidebook contact Karina Villanueva at the Parish Center or call the RECongress information line at (213) 637-7348 to request your own copy of a Registration Guidebook.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Your spouse is God's gift to you. What you make of your marriage is your thanks to God. Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Discover what a life-changing Marriage Encounter Weekend can do for your marital relationship. For information contact Winston and Dinah Perez, (818) 527-MEMC; www.memconline.org; memcweekend@gmail.com.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information call (661) 257-7980 or email: ornelasdachs@sbcglobal.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Chaminade College Preparatory Middle School located in Chatsworth is accepting applications until **Friday, January 16**. Entrance Examination will be on **Saturday, January 24**. For information contact Barbara Willick (818) 363-6907 or bwillick@chaminade.org.

CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Chaminade College Preparatory High School Entrance Exam will be administered on two dates: **January 24 and January 31** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An online application for admission and the application fee should be on file with the school by January 16. Financial Aid applications are available online. For more information please call the Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 or apply online at www.chaminade.org.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame High School, 13645 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks. Application deadline: **Friday, January 16**. Entrance exam: **Saturday, January 24**, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We highly recommend that applicants take the HSPT at Notre Dame. For information call (818) 933-3600 or visit www.ndhs.org

CRESPI CARMELITE HIGH SCHOOL YOU WILL ACHIEVE

Every young man who chooses Crespi Carmelite is received into a unique, lifelong brotherhood of both current and former students. This brotherhood, this bond, quite literally lasts forever. We look forward to seeing what your son will achieve. We are offering an HSPT Prep Course from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 26, 27 and 29. In addition, we will offer a practice test on December 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., please register online. Entrance Exams are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 24, and Saturday, January 31**. For information, or to schedule a personal tour, call (818) 654-1329; kgreenberg@crespi.org



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Martes: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13;
Jn 1:1-18

Jueves: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lc 2:16-21

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS

Cinco Consejos para Salvaguardar a Los Niños

La Arquidiócesis exige que todas las personas que trabajan con niños y jóvenes en nuestras parroquias y escuelas deben someterse a formación de prevención de abuso infantil a través del programa de VIRTUS. La formación detalla cinco pasos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil:

1. Reconozca las señales de peligro de una relación inapropiada con un niño.
2. Controle el acceso a los niños, seleccionando cuidadosamente los adultos que trabajen con niños y jóvenes.
3. Verifique todos los programas para la seguridad de los niños y los jóvenes.
4. Este consciente y tome en cuenta lo que está sucediendo en las vidas de los niños.
5. Comunique a una persona adecuada con autoridad sus preocupaciones.

Para obtener más información, por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina arquidiocesana de Salvaguardar a los Niños (213) 637-7227. Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.

PRESENTACIONES DE NIÑOS

Si usted desea presentar a su niño/a durante la misa dominical, por favor comuníquese con Ángela Escobar en la oficina parroquial, (818) 341-6634 anexo 1003.

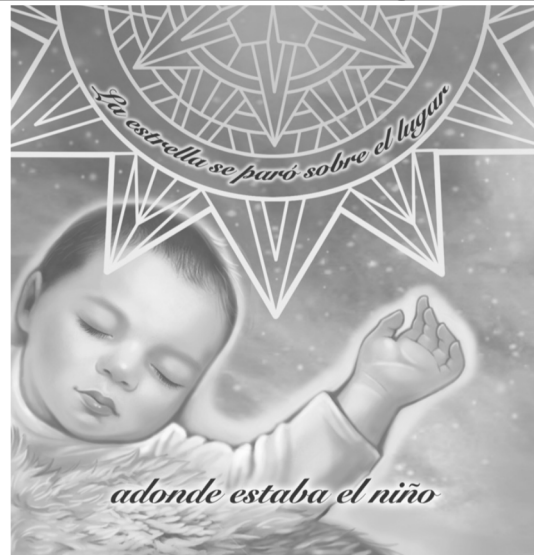
TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Evangelio de san Juan comienza con una extraña revelación. Nos declara que al principio, Jesús no sólo estaba con Dios, sino que Jesús es Dios (Juan 1:1). Dependiendo de nuestra traducción de las Sagradas Escrituras, Jesús es nombrado ya sea "Palabra" o "Verbo" en el primer pasaje de Juan.

Según una canción de Ricardo Arjona "Jesús es verbo, no sustantivo". Y tiene razón. Hay que recordar que Juan no escribió en español, ni siquiera en inglés. El evangelista escribió en griego y aplicó el concepto filosófico del logos a Jesús. El logos, de la filosofía griega se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret. Para los griegos esta noticia era asombrosa, porque logos quiere decir palabra activa, es decir, el verbo que actúa y por el cual todo es creado. Juan declara que Jesús es este Verbo, él es el Dios que lo hizo todo y en el cual todos tenemos vida si actuamos como él. El Evangelio de Juan nos desafía a vivir el verbo que es Cristo, no sólo diciendo que somos cristianos, sino actuando como Jesús, cual Verbo Divino.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glitz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

VIDA PARROQUIAL



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GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

El Grupo de Oración te invita los miércoles a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Tenemos oración en el Espíritu Santo, testimonios, prédicas y alabanzas. Si te sientes cansado de los problemas de la vida diaria, ven y entrégaselos a Jesús, Él tiene la solución. Ven a despertar al Espíritu Santo que vive dormido en ti, él quiere consolarte, guiarte y enseñarte el camino de la felicidad. Reanudaremos nuestras reuniones el **miércoles 7 de enero del 2015**. Para más información comunícate con Luis Manuel al (818) 441-3813.

ESTUDIO BIBLICO

El grupo de biblia de nuestra parroquia, les hace una cordial invitación a estudiar el curso del Antiguo Testamento. El curso consta de 20 clases comenzando el jueves 15 de enero de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el salón de Santa Elizabeth del Centro de Conferencias. Entre los temas que desarrollaremos se encuentran: la creación, Abraham, Moisés, Reyes, los profetas, etc. Vengan y conozcan la palabra de Dios. Aprendan la importancia del Antiguo Testamento y encuéntrense con su Dios a través de su palabra. ¡No pierdan esta gran oportunidad! Para más información comuníquense con Ismael (818) 355-4476 ó Rodolfo Zúñiga (818) 389-6397

PARTICIPANTES EN LA PROMESA

Las celebraciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo se han terminado, y después de hoy Día de los Reyes Magos, muchos de nosotros guardaremos las decoraciones y los últimos vestigios de las celebraciones de las semanas pasadas. El apóstol Pablo usa la expresión "participantes de la promesa". Esta es una frase digna de reflexionar, y de pensar que es nuestro llamado en estos días después del nacimiento del Señor. ¿Cuál es esta promesa? Podemos encontrarla en los regalos que traen los magos: la promesa de ser un sacerdocio real (oro), una nación santa (incienso), un pueblo escogido para dar de sí (mirra). Encontramos otro aspecto de la promesa en Isaías -¡una luz que nos alumbrará! En el salmo encontramos la promesa de un mundo en donde florece la justicia, la paz profunda, los pobres rescatados, piedad para los humildes y los pobres. Esta es la promesa; y una de las mejores maneras de continuar el espíritu de generosidad navideña es vivir día a día nuestra parte como participantes en esta promesa. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

St. Joseph the Worker is a special place, where we are touched daily by God's presence among us. Rooted in the legacy of our founding parishioners, we have become the dynamic faith community we cherish today. A gift to the future of our parish will support its spiritual richness and many good works for generations to come.

Please remember St. Joseph the Worker in your will or trust. To learn more about planned giving opportunities that can benefit St. Joseph the Worker, please contact the Parish Center or H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs. Archdiocese of Los Angeles: (213) 637-7472; HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org; www.estateplanning.com/trustsacc.

To make a gift: Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole, for the benefit of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

PARISH REGISTRATION

To promote a spirit of belonging, we encourage all who worship here to become registered parishioners. Having registered makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education enrollment, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and funerals. Simply attending Mass here does not make you a registered parishioner. Please call or visit the Parish Center to request a registration form or complete the form online at the parish website: www.sjwchurch.com. Also, please contact the Parish Center if you have a new address or phone number. The staff is able to serve you better if the parish records are accurate.

REQUESTING USE OF PARISH FACILITIES

Parish and School groups that would like to reserve any facility in the parish must contact Angela Escobar in the Parish Center (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003. Only rooms reserved in advance are open. If your group needs to cancel a reservation, please let Angela know so that the room can be made available to another group. Also, if your group needs a particular room arrangement, please bring a copy of the requested floor plan to the Parish Center a week ahead.

BULLETIN AND MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline (strictly observed) for submission of **Bulletin** and **Mass** announcements is the previous Monday at noon. Deliver a copy of the bulletin or Mass announcement to the Parish Center or email it to Angela Escobar: angela_escobar4@hotmail.com. To submit a photo to accompany the bulletin text, send a digital file (jpeg or TIF), color or black/white, 300 dpi. See the front cover for the parish mailing address and fax number. For more information please contact Angela Escobar, (818) 341-6634, ext. 1003.

It is in Giving that we receive

—Prayer of St. Francis

Each of you is a special treasure from God. Your experiences, interests, and natural abilities are God-given gifts, to be shared in service to one another. Listed below are many opportunities to offer your time and special talents here at St. Joseph the Worker.

WORSHIP

- Altar Server
- Environment Committee
- Eucharistic Ministry
- Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick
- Lector
- Music Ministry
- Usher/Greeter
- Vocation Ministry (Vietnamese)

FAITH FORMATION

- Baptism Preparation Team
- Bible Study (English, Spanish)
- Catechist/Team Member
- Confirmation
- RCIA
- Religious Education Program
- Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos "Nueva Generación en Jesucristo"
- Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer

OUTREACH

- Bereavement Ministry
- Festival Committee/Volunteer
- Gift Shop Volunteer
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Women's Journey

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER GROUPS

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Catholic Mothers Guild (Vietnamese)
- Charismatic Prayer Group (English and Spanish)
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Group
- Rosary Group
- Sacred Heart Group (Vietnamese Men)

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.sjwchurch.com
Parish Center: 818.341.6634